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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2007 setting a three-month period for response which expired on October 9, 2007, absent an extension of time. Applicants filed a Response After Final on October 9, 2007 proposing claim amendments which were entered according to an Advisory Action mailed on October 26, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith, together with a request for a two-month extension of time to December 10, 2007 (December 9, 2007 falling on Sunday). The undersigned representative kindly requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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